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SUBJECT: SOVIET EMBASSY PROTEST ABOUT BURGLARY

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1. DURING JULY 20 MEETING AT EUR/SOV, SOVIET EMBASSY
CONSULAR OFFICERS KAVALEROV AND PONOMAREV PRESENTED NOTE
ABOUT BURGLARY REPORTED REFTEL. IN THE NOTE THE SOVIET
EMBASSY "RESERVES THE RIGHT" TO CLAIM COMPENSATION FROM THE
DEPARTMENT.

2. TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

3. "THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIT REPUBLICS
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INFORMS THE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OF THE FOLLOWING:
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4. "ON JULY 15 AND 16, 1978, A BURGLARY OCCURRED AT THE
EMBASSY OFFICES AT 1500 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, WHICH ARE
OCCUPIED BY THE SOVIET COMPONENT OF THE SOVIET-AMERICAN
FISHERIES CLAIMS BOARD.

5. "WHEN THE PREMISES WERE INSPECTED BY EMBASSY REPRESENTA-

TIVES IN THE PRESENCE OF THE POLICE, IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT TWO TYPEWRITERS, A TELEVISION SET, A RADIO AND OTHER PROPERTY, FOR A TOTAL VALUE OF DOLLARS 1,076.95, HAD BEEN STOLEN (A LIST OF THE STOLEN PROPERTY IS ATTACHED).

6. "IN CALLING THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S ATTENTION TO THE ABOVE-MENTIONED BREAK-IN AT ONE OF THE EMBASSY OFFICES, FOR WHOSE INVIOABILITY THE US AUTHORITIES ARE RESPONSIBLE, THE EMBASSY INSISTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO DISCOVER AND PUNISH THE PERSONS GUILTY OF THIS CRIMINAL ACT.

7. "THE EMBASSY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUIRE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FULLY REIMBURSE IT FOR THE MATERIAL LOSS SUSTAINED BY THE EMBASSY AS A RESULT OF THE AFOREMENTIONED ROBBERY."

8. FOLLOWING IS ATTACHMENT TO NOTE:

9. "LIST OF STOLEN PROPERTY

"OPTIMA TYPEWRITER WITH RUSSIAN CHARACTERS, MODEL NO. M-16 DOLLARS 300

"ADLER TYPEWRITER WITH ENGLISH CHARACTERS, MODEL NO. 2001 DOLLARS 419
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"PANASONIC TELEVISION SET (BLACK AND WHITE) DOLLARS 100

"KENMORE VACUUM CLEANER, SERIAL NO. 11628910
DOLLARS 169.95

"PANASONIC PORTABLE CASSETTE TAPE RECORDER-RADIO DOLLARS 80

"TAILOR WALL CLOCK DOLLARS 28

"TWO MEN'S JACKETS (GREY AND BROWN) DOLLARS 80

"TOTAL VALUE OF STOLEN PROPERTY DOLLARS 1,076.95" VANCE

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